Join Us in Support of Field Camp Experiences

We talk with you a great deal about field camp because it remains a critical component for students pursuing geoscience, and it is an area in which we can substantially provide assistance. The cost can be prohibitive, particularly now when the COVID-19 pandemic has made already difficult financial situations that much worse. Geoscience students will need support to gain this essential experience whether next year’s camps are virtual, in-person, or hybrid. With your help, they can focus on having a memorable and transformative experience in whatever form it may take.

Several recipients of the 2020 J. David Lowell Field Camp Scholarships shared with us the challenges and rewards of attending virtual field camps and how receiving the scholarship helped them navigate those challenges. Selena Kimball considers the University of South Florida’s virtual field camp to be the capstone of her geology degree, and she now feels prepared to continue her academic and professional career. Maria Solis discovered the interesting and diverse geology in her home state of Texas when her field camp decided to stay local instead of going to Montana. Natalea Cohen’s virtual field camp through Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, challenged her to apply all of the geologic knowledge she’s learned in the past three years as she and her classmates remotely mapped the nearby geologic features. You can read the full stories from all three of these students right now on the Foundation blog at https://gsa-foundation.org/news-events/.

2020 has been a year full of changes and uncertainty. Many of us have had to cancel our own travel plans. We hope we can resume our travel before too long. Until then, please consider donating those unused personal funds to be used to help geoscience students navigate their careers during this challenging time—including their field camp experiences, even if they, too, don’t include travel.

Join us to help students like Selena, Maria, and Natalea attend field camp as they continue to pursue geoscience in the midst of all the uncertainty. You can make a gift now at https://gsa-foundation.org/fund/field-camp-opportunities/ or contact Debbie Marcinkowski, dmarcinkowski@geosociety.org, +1-303-357-1047, for more information.